THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 29th July 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Fertilizers received by the Community Project Department.

* 1199 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI (on behalf of Sri M. S. Mogral) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total quantity of different fertilizers received by the Community Project Department in South Kanara ; and

(*b*) what is the total quantity distributed to the agriculturists?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—

	TONS.
" (*a*) Urea	95
Triple superphosphate	868
Ammonium phosphate	327
" (*b*) Up to 27th June—	
Urea	22½
Triple superphosphate	5
Ammonium phosphate	12½

The cultivation season has just commenced in the Project Area."

Cuddalore Water-supply Scheme.

* 1200 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the order of priority given by the State Government to the Cuddalore Municipal Water-supply Scheme in the compendium of Water-supply Schemes and the order now assigned to it ; and

(*b*) what action the Government propose to take to give immediate relief to Cuddalore?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Cuddalore Municipal Water-Supply improvement Scheme has been assigned the first place in the priority list drawn up by the Water-Supply and Drainage Committee.

(*b*) Orders will be issued shortly according administrative approval to the estimates for the scheme and the execution of the scheme will be taken up soon."

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SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" May I know, Sir, for how many years this has been first in the priority list and may I know when the Government propose to avert the water-scarcity and when do they propose to combat diseases like elephantiasis? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The water-supply and drainage committee has given it the first place, Sir."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" My question has not been answered. May I know when the scheme was first thought of? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" 1947, Sir."

Language editions of " Madras Information ".

* 1201 *Q*.—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the publications of language editions of ' Madras Information ' are going to be stopped from March 31st of this year; and

(*b*) the number of persons who may be retrenched as a result of this?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The publication of the language editions of the Madras Information was stopped partly as a measure of economy and partly because the English edition itself was to be published in a smaller form for consumption outside the State, publicity for Government's policies and activities inside the State being provided for adequately by the English and language newspapers.

" (*b*) The following posts intended exclusively for the publication of the language editions of the journal have been retrenched from 1st July 1953 :—

4 Language journalists.

1 Editor, Dakhini Hind.

1 Assistant Editor, Dakhini Hind.

2 Lower Division clerks."

SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI :—" Is it not a fact that a Cabinet Sub-Committee recommended the abolition of the post of Director of Information and Publicity and is it also not a fact that in spite of this recommendation, the Hon. Chief Minister had confirmed this post on the eve of partition? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."